



From the Rafters

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Our Mission

We are a people rooted in worship, branching out into the world.

Forming Disciples at Church of the Resurrection

We hope the past few months brought each of you joy as you spent time with family and friends at the beach, the mountains, distant exotic countries, wherever you happened to travel, or even in your own backyard. The months of June through August provide a short respite from some of our programs at Resurrection to allow for just that. Now we may return our focus as a church family to growing as disciples with greater intentionality through Sunday morning and music formation. Resurrection is fortunate to have many willing and capable lay ministers who stand ready guide all ages toward a deeper understanding of God and his purpose for our lives. Our formation hour resumes on Sunday, September 9, at 9:30 AM.

For Adults and Highschool Youth:



Exile, Return, and "The Day of the Lord"

Next to the Exodus-Sinai event that shaped the Hebrew tribes into a new religion, no other event has had a greater impact on the Jewish people than the Babylonian exile. In

September, we will look at five short chapters from the Minor Prophets detailing the events that led to the fall of Jerusalem, the exile to Babylon, the return to rebuild the city, and the path forward. We will read from Zephaniah 3 (Sep. 9), Obadiah 1 (Sep. 16), Haggai 1 (Sep. 23), and Malachi 3-4 (Sep. 30). All four readings can be done prior to class in fewer than ten minutes. We'll gather in Emmaus Hall at 9:30. Hope to see you there!

~ Chuck McDonnell

For Middle School Youth and Children:

There is perhaps no more direct witness to the majesty of God's creation than to watch children grow and learn. The children of Resurrection certainly are doing that. Though it seems we have fewer children of nursery age, we have more children in middle school and older elementary classes. To accommodate this demographic change, we must rearrange our programs for children just a bit.

> For infants through age 3, our nursery attendants will provide tender encouragement and guidance through reading simple bible stories in the parish nursery.

> For ages 4 through 8, Roxy Fawcett, Anne Wells and I will teach lessons from the Holy Moly curriculum in the Sunday school rooms.

> For ages 9 and up, Rita Marshall, Anne Marie Glawe and I will teach lessons from the Connect curriculum in the Youth Room.

I am hesitant about broadening the age range of our Sunday morning classes. I realize, particularly for the oldest class, that age differences among the children might be a deterrent to regular participation, especially when a younger sibling is included. If participation is high and remains consistently so, we will accommodate by recruiting additional teachers and dividing the groups differently. Until then, I am confident that our very talented teachers can tailor the lessons to meet the needs and match the capabilities of the children in their care.

Allow me a moment now to offer a personal reflection. I spent the better part of my summer wondering and praying about what our formation programs would be like without the Beasley family. When I learned that Nicholas had accepted a position at another parish, my first reaction was fear. I witnessed, sadly, the decline of our former

parish (in Birmingham, AL) after a beloved rector moved away, and I feared that Resurrection might find itself in the same position, especially since Elizabeth and the boys had been so actively involved in our children's programs. Soon after the rector of my former parish left, I began hearing families, people I had come to love and appreciate as dear friends, say they were transferring their membership to another parish because they favored a more vibrant children's program. However sincere, I knew that explanation was a polite way of saying that the family just wanted to be part of programs that had more kids. Numbers truly mattered to them.

Nicholas often counseled me that high attendance is not an accurate indicator for the success of formation programming. I take no issue with his point. Yet, I also know that there is great power in presence. We bring our children to Sunday school and we attend adult programs, because, at least in part, we are heartened to see other faces there. It is affirming and encouraging to have our cohorts, our friends, present with us. It is discouraging to come to church on any given Sunday and find that you are the only kid who did so, and you are one-on-one with the teacher. You want nothing more than just one more child to walk into the room and sit down next to you.

Think of candlelight, if you will. One candle is very beautiful and intimate, effective at blotting out darkness. As additional candles are lit, the light of each blends and creates an even larger glow. Soon you are able to see with a broader perspective. As the number of candles grows, you become able to notice finer details in the room's decor. You begin to feel warmth. You feel safer and encouraged. It is the same way with human energy. The sheer presence of others sitting next to you comforts you, brightens you, and validates your choice to participate. Your presence does the same for others around you. When you participate, your church friends are comforted, brightened and validated. Presence brings energy and power. So even though a Sunday school lesson and the hard work of the teacher are meaningful and successful when only one child shows up on a Sunday morning, the experience has greater power when greater numbers are present.

We come to formation programs because we want to grow in our understanding of God. We seek religious fortification for the week ahead. It is part of our discipleship to attend formation programs. We honor God by learning more about him. But let us not forget that our active participation in the life of our church is part of our commitment to one another as well. We covenant to share our presence with one another because our presence is powerful. Our presence tells our fellow parishioners that we care about this church and that we care about each other. I hope that each of you will choose to attend our formation programs regularly and share the power of your presence with one another.

~ Elizabeth Floyd



EYC Youth Formation:

This fall the youth of Resurrection will study *Love Does*, a book by Bob Goff. *Love Does* has been described as a collection of:

paradigm shifts, musings, and stories from one of the world's most delightfully engaging and winsome people. What fuels his impact? Love. But it's not the kind of love that stops at thoughts and feelings. Bob's love takes action. Bob believes *Love Does*.

When *Love Does*, life gets interesting. Each day turns into a hilarious, whimsical, meaningful chance that makes faith simple and real. Each chapter is a story that forms a book, a life. And this is one life you don't want to miss.



Our Youth Coordinator, Mitchell Felton, will lead a discussion of *Love Does* with the middle school youth and high school youth on alternating Wednesday evenings from **7 to 8:30 pm**. The first gathering will be on **September 12** for the middle school youth, the second on **September 19** for the high school youth, and so on through December 5. We hope these book study gatherings will take place at the home of an EYC member, but as a back-up, Emmaus Hall will be the meetings' location.

In addition to their book study, the EYC will continue their Sunday evening fellowship gatherings, beginning with a Low Country Boil at the home of Hugh and Shannon Jones on **Sunday, September 9, from 5:30 to 7:30**. They will also participate in various outreach activities throughout the fall beginning with bowl-making for the EMPTY BOWLS fundraiser on **Sunday, September 16, at 4 pm**, at Lander University.

Formation in Music:

Weekly choir rehearsals for the Adult Choir will begin on **Thursday, September 6th**, at 6:00 PM in the choir room. The Adult Choir helps lead worship each week at the 10:30 AM service and also other major Holy Day services. At this time, the choir is particularly in need of a couple more soprano voices. If you can read music, sing soprano, and would like to be part of our group, please contact Donna Brooks at 864-992-3738.

Viva Voce Children's Choir will not meet in September and October but, instead, will begin its rehearsals in November and be devoted to preparation for a musical children's Christmas pageant. Watch for details in the bulletins and the next issue of the Rafters.



~ Donna Brooks

Notes from the Senior Warden

The Search Committee and the Vestry met with Deacon D'rue Hazel for training on Sunday, August 19. After the meeting, one of the members confided, "A wave of emotion came over me. I miss Nicholas." Many of us share this feeling of loss. Our bonds of love and friendship with Nicholas, Elizabeth, William and Andrew remain strong, across the distance. We are blessed to be able to cherish what the Beasleys mean to our congregation, even as we move forward.

The Vestry and Search Committee next will enter a phase of self-study and discernment. We'll do a parish life survey at church on September 9. We will review our vision statements, update our website, and answer questions for an extensive

transition portfolio. This self-study will be the basis for the search process. Vision, needs, and hopes will inform the skills and qualities we seek in a new rector. The Search Committee will be directly communicating their process and progress to you.

Many people have said to me as Senior Warden, "If there's anything I can do, let me know." Here is my request. We are planning a Volunteer Fair very soon. Watch the bulletin and your emails for the date. Review the forthcoming list of ongoing ministries at Resurrection, and prayerfully consider volunteering according to your time, talents and interests. I will particularly mention Parish Life since fellowship is a powerful blessing. I must stress that to work together to keep our ministries strong and vital as we seek a new rector is of utmost importance.

The Vestry is seeking a long-term supply priest to meet our pastoral needs until our search is complete. The Vestry is looking forward to welcoming and working with our priest. We anticipate the rector search will take six months or so.

Faithfully,

Jan Puzar



Supply Priests for September

September 2: Morning Prayer/Chuck McDonnell
September 9: The Rev. Dale Klitzke
September 16: The Rev. Dale Klitzke
September 23: The Rev. Susan Heath
September 30: The Rev. Sr. Carol Andrew, OSH

Empty Bowls Filled by a Caring Community

Please join us for our 10th Annual **EMPTY BOWLS** fundraiser and dinner on **Thursday, October 4**, at the Greenwood Soup Kitchen, located at the United Center for Community Care, 929 Phoenix Street. Tickets are priced at \$25 for adults and \$15 for children, with three seatings offered at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 pm. Take-out tickets are also available, any time from 5:45 to 7:30.

Tickets will be available starting September 4 and should be purchased in advance at the Chamber of Commerce, the Arts Center (Federal Building) or from Norm Fawcett (227-3421).

Tickets sell fast, and we have sold out the past nine years, so purchase one soon! Your ticket includes a beautiful, hand-made clay or wooden bowl, which you personally select and take home. It will be filled with delicious soup prepared by local restaurants and accompanied by gourmet bread, home-made desserts and a cold beverage. If you already have enough soup bowls, remember, these hand-crafted bowls make great Christmas gifts!

Like last year, the Bowl Room will be set up in the United Center's gymnasium, which dramatically increases the bowl display space. The extra space also allows for potter, woodworker and basket-making demonstrations while you await your dining room seating.

EMPTY BOWLS is hosted by the Greenwood Area Studio Potters and the Greenwood County Medical Alliance, with all proceeds benefiting the Greenwood Soup Kitchen.



Church Directory Updates

In times of transition, it is of vital importance that we stay in touch with our faith community. We hope you have found easy access to our church directory and that you have verified the information it provides about you. If not, here is how you can: Visit our parish website at www.episcopalgreenwood.org. Hover your computer mouse over "Get Connected" to see a drop-down menu. In that menu, click on "Directory." A new window will open to show our CTRN page. You'll be prompted to enter your username and password. If you don't know that information, Tom Cobb can assist you with your initial access, tomcobb44@nctv.com. Once you see the Directory, notice that it has tabs for Families, Members, Groups, and Staff. Click the Members tab to find individual names in alphabetical order. Check to see if your name and

contact information are correct. You can also edit your own record and add photo(s).

Please contact Tom Cobb at tomcobb44@nctv.com if you are new to Resurrection or never submitted your name and contact information for the directory. Tom will provide you with your username and password for accessing the directory initially.

If you have problems or questions, you may also contact Jo Ann Brewer at jbrewer@nctv.com. Jo Ann is leading our effort to update the directory and will be happy to assist you.

We also have a mobile app from which you may access the directory. Download CTRN Online Directory from Google Play or the App Store. You'll be asked to enter our mobile privacy code, which is EPISCOPALGREENWOOD.

Watercolor Classes

Bill Updegraff is back for watercolor classes this fall. Classes will be held in Emmaus Hall on Thursdays from 9-12 noon beginning September 13 through October 18. Cost is \$108. Please call (992-6306) or email (martycobb@hotmail.com) Marty Cobb to sign up or for more information.



Friends of
HEALTHY LEARNERS
Adult Spelling Bee

S-u-p-p-o-r-t Spells **S-u-c-c-e-s-s** for Healthy Learners, a local organization serving the health needs of school children in our county. Resurrection's team of amateur spellers, the Resurrection Rabble-Rousers, has contributed the team entry fee, and will be collecting other donations for Healthy Learners during coffee hour on September 9, 16 and 23. The annual Adult Spelling Bee will be held on **Tuesday, September 25th** at the Emerald High School gym from 6:30-8:30. Each \$20 collected will enable the team to "buy back a [missed] word" during the competition. Contributions in any amount, by cash or check (payable to Healthy Learners), will be forwarded to Healthy Learners at the event, and are welcome and appreciated!

~ Mary Woodiwiss

Pastoral Care Between Clergy

Resurrection's time between rectors will allow us to claim our calling to care for each other in more intense ways. Our team of Pastoral Care Shepherds will make hospital and other visits, send cards, and make telephone calls. If you seek prayer, support, Holy Communion, or conversation, please contact the Parish Office (223-5426 or cor@episcopalgreenwood.org).

- Please note that we will be taking a short break from our Wesley Commons monthly service, while we finalize our plans for an interim.

- Our next service of Holy Eucharist and Healing is on **Wednesday, September 12, at 10:00 am**. The Reverend Dan Bacon will lead. Dan is a retired Lutheran minister who has been approved by Bishop Waldo to offer the liturgy here at Resurrection. Dan and his wife, Terri, are active members of our parish, and we are grateful for his assistance.

- There will be a gathering of *The Shepherds* on **Sunday, September 16 at 5 PM** in Emmaus Hall. Please join us for a short meeting and anyone interested in joining our group is welcome. Contact Lou Wynne for more information. (wynne368@gmail.com or 227-7427)

Race to be Thankful

Our famous Thanksgiving Day 5K Race to Be Thankful will again be in the Gatewood subdivision on Thanksgiving Day, **November 22, at 8**

am. We are looking for sponsors and volunteers, and we welcome as many as possible. If you or a friend has a place of business and wish to be a sponsor, please contact Kim Russell at Kimjer100@gmail.com, call 943-0274 or text 344-8009. Kim is leading the organization effort. Funds raised by the race will go to support area ministries. Registration is now open! Go to: <https://itsabouttime.run/event-registration/?ee=128>



Please join
The Church of the Resurrection
for a
Harvest Dinner
Sunday, October 7, 2018
*We will begin with appetizers
in the church courtyard at 6:00 pm.*
Please RSVP by Monday, September 17
(864) 223-5426
denise@episcopalgreenwood.org
Entrée will be provided by the church. Table hosts
will coordinate wine, appetizer, side dishes, and
dessert with their table guests.
Childcare will not be provided.

A Note of Thanks from Kaylee Jo Fowler



Our annual Back to School Fundraiser provided classroom supplies for our nursery attendant, Kaylee Jo Fowler. This August, Kaylee began her first year as a second grade teacher at Pinecrest Elementary. She extended her gratitude

in a sweet note to the congregation:

“Thank you to everyone in this wonderful church family for supporting my classroom. Several of my students were in need of school supplies, and your wonderful donations helped them to have what they needed in order to be successful this year. I greatly appreciate your support and prayers. Each one of you helped to make this first week of school go well, and I know the rest of the year will go well thanks to your wonderful support!”

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and:

September 2: in thankfulness for a new school year in which all teachers, parents, and students will grow together in safety, love, and wisdom given by Joe and Noonie Fennell.

September 9: in memory of Gordon Sefton Stevens, William Anderson Stevens, Leon Gladstone Stevens, Leon Gladstone Stevens, Jr., L. Austin Steven, and in thanksgiving for Harold L. Stevens by Mr. Tom Stevens.

September 16: in memory of Charles Bray King and in honor of Amy King Graham by Mary Lynn Landgraf.

September 23: in memory of Susan R. Paterson by Walt Patterson and in thank for our church family and in memory of Jessie E. Cantrell, Paul B. Cantrell, Sr., and Joseph B. Kocik, Sr. by Joe and Jeannie Kocik.

September 30: in memory of Sally and Frank Wideman and John Boykin Roberts and Vera Roberts; and in thanksgiving for Sarah and Jack Eakin and Dessa Wideman.

Parish Connections...

Music	Donna Brooks 992-3738 dbrooks@nctv.com
Altar Guild	Noonie Fennell 223-7769 cfennell@nctv.com
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Resurrection Family News

BIRTHDAYS

02 – James Gobble
 02 – Peter Marshall
 03 – Ryan Anderson
 03 – Alexander Bowers
 03- Dick Reeves
 05 – Noonie Fennell
 07 – Mason Shirley
 09 – William Lewis
 09 – Kelly Wiseman
 10 – Eliza Harte
 11 – Dick Daffin
 11 – Beverly Joosten
 11 – Judy Park

11 – Angus Roper
 14 – Jennifer Little
 16 – Jon Brooks Newlon
 17 – Francis Eakin
 18 – Tommy Adams, II
 18 – Norm Fawcett
 19 – Jim Bright
 19 – Liliana Harrison
 20 – Bill Bright
 21 – Chloe Cavall
 23 – Jacob Davis
 23 – Gabriel Woodiwiss
 24 – Dale McClary
 27 – Cindy Hughes

27 – Bill Tarrer
 28 – Tom Cobb
 29 – Cynthia Dougherty
 29 – Lee Dresback
 29 – Mary Alice Poore
 30 – Sissy Tennis

ANNIVERSARIES

08 – Lou and Carol Wynne
 10 – Jerry and Lori Kent
 17 – Alan and Lisa Treeter
 29 – Dan and Terri Bacon

If the parish office does not have your birthday or anniversary, please share these dates with us.

Your prayers are asked:

For the sick and those with particular needs: Carl and Barbara Brock, Doris Clay, Carol Dean, David DiBenedetto, Chris Jayne, Richard and Julie Rieger, George Rush, Phyllis Kocik, Elizabeth Schuler, Mason Shirley, Grace Smith, Sissy Tennis, Charlie Toll, Jim Anderson (Sara Kummer’s brother), Larry Boots (Beth Wood’s father), Jim Chambers (Domer Ridings’ brother-in-law), Kenneth Colonel (Dave & Beverly Joosten’s son-in-law), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell sister), Bubba Fennell (Joe Fennell’s brother), Hazel Hammett (Connie Hammett’s mother), Anna Cay Hawes (wife of former rector Peter Hawes), Frances LaRoche (Sara Kummer’s cousin), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little’s mom), Jimmy Loftis (Amy Alley’s father), Linda Love (Renee Love’s mother), Earl McCombs (Mary Ann Cooper’s father), Braden Newton (Burl and Bette Ricker’s Great grandson), Elsie Speer (Sandra Lewis’ mother), Bill Waggener (Elizabeth Schuler’s son-in-law), Jack Wallace (Susu and Abney Wallace’s grandson), Amelia Glawe Wheelus (Anne Marie and Troy Glawe’s daughter), Anne Cheshire Wideman (Frank Wideman’s sister), Webb Wright (Dyan Webb’s nephew), The Brown Family (Mary Jo Tolbert’s care givers), Trina Hoffert, Craig Loner, Bill Martin (Bruce and Trisha Craven’s friend)

For those in the service of our country: Will Carroll, Aaron Crowe, Cameron Roberts, Grant Roberts, Trip Wash, Michael Webb, Noah Woodiwiss

We remember in Resurrection hope Ron Little, Father of Adrian Little, who died August 25.

Please send additions/deletions to the prayer list or family news and prayer concerns to Denise at denise@episcopalgreenwood.org or call 223-5426.

Including the Church in your will ensures its life into the future and offers your witness to generations to come.

We give thanks for your giving, which makes the ministry of Resurrection possible!

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Last Month	\$19,212	\$41,525	\$1,186	\$5,303	\$23,872	\$34,141
Year to Date	\$263,645	\$249,150	\$18,821	\$35,007	\$278,792	\$ 300,397



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